

# Talks With Puzzlers

By Frances Carroll

READ the following letter, puzzlers, and tell me what you think about it:

Dear Miss Carroll:

I fear I am suffering from a queer complaint which might be diagnosed as an acute form of puzzletitis, and just now I am in mortal terror lest it become chronic; as evidence of my sorry plight consider the number of puzzles I have contributed recently, and the even more alarming symptoms shown by my having commenced to submit solutions—one ill-fated one last week, and a second yesterday (Sunday).

If you know a remedy, I wish you'd give immediate publicity to the prescription; I am in sore need of it, and there may be others who would be glad to effect a cure, too, for it seems that I am not the only one thus afflicted.

Perhaps some eminent scientist has noticed similar cases, and after sufficient observation, investigation, and experiments, has made it possible for those of us who have puzzle germs in our systems to find relief from the dire results of the disease. However, I imagine it must run its course, and "finish" the patient at about the time it comes to an end.

Hopes For Some Consolation.

If the case is hopeless, and I have reason to believe mine is becoming so, can you offer any consolation for the poor puzzler? There is one (in the way of a prize, I believe) and it may make my fate seem less cruel should I by any chance have brought my answer to this week's loco into

## PRIZES OFFERED PUZZLE SOLVERS

Weekly prizes of five, three, and two dollars, respectively, are given to the contestants for the puzzle printed on the Woman's Page of the Sunday evening edition of The Times each week for the three solutions adjudged worthy.

The contest, which closes at 3 o'clock on Friday of each week, is open to all who care to solve the puzzles. The puzzles are based, primarily, on correctness, timeliness, and neatness. Originality in presentation also receives consideration in awarding the prizes.

A shape that is likely to win the approval of the judges, "time-hardened" competitors, it is with fear and trembling that the recent victim of the dread malady sends in her list of boats. Misereere mihi. Believe me with all good wishes, Respectfully yours,

A PUZZLER.

Glad of the Affliction.

As far as I am concerned I am glad that this puzzler is afflicted in this manner. It may sound heartless, I know, but I am "awfully" glad and I hope there are lots more suffering as much. However, I am honest in saying that I do hope she finds relief and consolation in the way of a prize some day, and very soon.

# DAILY FASHION TALK

By Frances Carroll

FOR the mother who is busy getting the little girl ready to go away to school, the little suit pictured today will be found especially attractive.

It consists of a plaited skirt with shoulder straps, or jumper and a box front coat.

A tailored suit of this sort is practical and not difficult to make.

Serge in any of the new shades and weaves would make a handsome suit.

Ladies' Home Journal pattern, No. 4584, is required for the suit, and is obtainable at St. Kann, Sons & Co.; price, 15c.

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Total.....4.01

## GIRLS AND GIFTS.

The moment a girl is made to feel a sense of obligation for too costly or too frequent gifts she loses that happy sense of independence which is every young girl's right and should be one of her most carefully guarded treasures. Once lost, self-respect soon follows. Of course, there are occasionally careless or selfish girls who freely take whatever any acquaintance chooses to offer. Such girls can only learn wisdom by some unpleasant experience, if, indeed, they are capable of learning it at all.—Harper's Bazar.



## Daily Horoscope

"The stars incline, but do not compel."

Friday, August 19, 1910.

Be not of wavering soul. Hold firmly to thine goal.

MANY planets incline favorably this day, though with conflicting tendencies, making it likely that persons of changeable, vacillating, or fidgety mind all experience troubles and puzzling problems.

Firm decision and stable adherence to duty and plans are highly necessary in this period.

In beginning anything new, it will be well to use unusual care to see that the basis is firm and sound, for according to the signs, astrological science indicates that things done today are done under a tendency toward permanence and growth, but also that lack of soundness and thoroughness in the beginning will end disastrously.

Another warning astrologically is to use excessive caution in dealing with changeable persons, people who do not know their own minds and people who are likely to deceive and use subterfuge. In all these cases it will be well to have everything in writing.

There is an excellent sign over writings. It should be noted, however, that there is danger in obscure clauses. It will be wise, also, not to dispatch writings under the influence of anger.

Jupiter's position is held to favor the opening of new places of business.

There is a good sign for selecting schools for children and dealing with teachers, lecturers, professors, and scientists.

Accountants and others dealing with figures should benefit, for Uranus wields powers for clearness of mind and simplicity.

The planets power is held by astrology also to be conducive to harmonious settlements, peace agreements, straightening out tangled disputes, and generally restoring accord and friendly relations.

Saturn looks favorably on the poor and the aged.

The planet is evil for speculation and operations with unusual matters or unusual persons are under good augury.

Real estate, renting, building, farming, surveying, driving, gardening, swimming, fishing, and all other occupations in the country are under favorable signs.

There is good augury for miners, metallurgists, stone masons, sculptors, architects, engineers, and road makers.

An augury of promise is over hiring men or women.

In the household the sign is good for ducks.

Persons with this birth-date are under stars that usually give overflowing sympathies and large hearts. They will profit during the twelfth month by keeping their impulses true and unselfish.

Children are born today under planets that tend to give their subjects eloquence and vision.

# Letters of a Summer Girl

By Beatrice Fairfax

RIDGE Harbor.

PRETTY MUMSIE: Thanks for your dear letter, and you need not be a bit afraid that I will take champagne again, or anything else of that kind.

I know exactly what you think about it—that young girls do not need false stimulants, and that it makes them act foolishly and do and say things they would never have done otherwise. And I'll never do it again, Mumsie, I promise you.

I had a lovely swim this morning, and wonder of wonders, Mr. Caton and I met on the raft and actually talked peacefully for about half an hour. He showed me a new stroke, and we found out we had heaps of friends in common. He knows Geoff Parker awfully well; they were at Harvard together.

Just as we were getting on so beautifully a soft voice said right behind us: "Well, have you two good people decided to spend the day here? Mrs. Lawrence is wondering what in the world has become of you, Miss Maitland." (Mrs. Lawrence knew where I was; I told her I was going to the raft.) And up on the raft climbed Mrs. Bently.

She looked awfully smart in a black satin bathing suit and scarlet cap, but Mumsie, she's a cat—I know that.

Of course I remembered that two is company and slipped into the water at once. I think Mr. Caton

meant to go, too, but Mrs. Bently said: "Oh, Bobby, I'm nearly dead after that long swim; I simply must rest, and I don't dare stay here alone. I know Miss Maitland won't mind going back alone; will you, dear?"

I laughed and said "No, indeed!" and dived under the raft and came up behind them, and when I looked back there sat Mr. Bobby looking as sulkily as you please.

Do you know, I really think he wanted to swim back with me; so I felt very gay and rather naughty, because I knew that the more I laughed the more he wanted to come along.

Of course I disapprove of him horribly, but I would be a satisfaction to take him away from that cat.

Now, Mumsie, don't draw your pretty eyebrows into a disapproving frown, this is a cat.

There was a hop tonight, and I wore my yellow chiffon. I had a glorious time and danced every minute.

Mr. Sinclair does not dance, so all my dances with him I sat out. He had sent me an enormous bunch of yellow roses, so of course I had to be polite.

He Can Say Prettiest Things.

He does know how to say the prettiest things, and I'm going out in his motor boat tomorrow afternoon.

I had two dances with Mr. Caton, and he dances divinely, simply divinely.

I really only had one dance with him, because, when the second came, I was out on the cliff with Mr. Sinclair, and the time slipped away and we got back

to the ballroom just as the dance I was to have had with Mr. Caton came to an end.

We met him in the doorway, looking as black as a thundercloud, and when I tried to apologize he was quite rude; said it really did not matter a particle that he quite understood. He was horrid.

I felt fearfully snubbed, but Mr. Sinclair laughed and said something about "ill-mannered cat," and that made me angry at him, and I said: "Indeed, you are quite mistaken; I like him very much, and I'm very sorry I missed any dance."

That made him mad, and he was just as stiff as he could be, and presently made an excuse to leave me with Mrs. Lawrence.

Oh, Mumsie, sometimes I wonder if it is such fun to be grown up, after all. I never used to have quarrels, and fusses, and feel glad, and sad, and mad, and even bad, all in one day, as I do now.

Your Rumping Little Girl.

You said, in your letter, that you wondered how your rumping girl was getting on.

Well, she's getting on as well as can be expected without her odd doings; wise mother to guide her; but I'm afraid she'll make some kind of a bungie before she gets through.

I love you, darling, "more than tongue can tell, and ginger cookies," as I used to say when I was a little girl.

Dearest love to dad and good night, your dearest of mothers,

Your loving daughter, PEG.

P. S.—Lots of the girls smoke; do you disapprove of it very much?

# ANSWERS TO INQUIRIES FROM TIMES READERS

## To Remove Warts.

Recently a query came into the office for a method of removing warts. I published the best one I knew at the time and since then one of our readers has sent in information along that line that may be of interest to those afflicted with these blemishes.

Insert in the center of the largest wart a canker needle and press it into the wart as long as the pain can be endured. Dampen a piece of paper and cover flesh around the needle and place the other end of the needle into a flame until it is red hot.

In a few days the wart will crumble and fall off, but do not pick it. The largest wart is usually the parent wart, and it is not necessary to treat the smaller ones, as they will disappear.

## Stamp Flirtation.

Emile Gordon—The Stamp Language or Stamp Flirtation was published in The Washington Times on Sunday, August 14. Kindly refer to the files.

## Selecting a School.

A Reader—I cannot publish the name of a school in this column, but in any of the schools where languages are taught you could take up a course in English, thereby improving your literary talent.

Send your stories to any of the various magazines.

Use any paper for your manuscript that you prefer. Regular letter size

white paper is generally used, and it should be written on but one side.

If you will send me a self-addressed and stamped envelope I will endeavor to assist you in selecting a school.

## Burns a Scotchman.

A Much-puzzled Puzzler—"Bobbie Burns" was not an Englishman. He was a Scotchman.

## Wedding Etiquette.

R. E.—If a man has been invited to the church and not to the wedding reception, he should leave or mail his card to the bride's parents, and also to the bride couple. The full name should be used, and if too long, the initials only. The address should be placed in the lower right-hand corner.

## Peach Pickles.

Mrs. May.—1. Choose firm, freestone peaches for pickling. Morris Whites are good for this purpose.

2. Peel the peaches, dropping them into cold water as you do so, to preserve the color.

Drain and weigh the fruit, allowing to every three pounds of it a pound and a half of sugar (granulated), and a cupful of vinegar.

Stick a whole clove into each peach, and put the fruit and sugar into layers in a porcelain-lined preserving kettle.

Put the vinegar on to boil in a separate saucepan with a cheesecloth bag containing a tablespoonful each of mace,

cinnamon and cloves. Boil this for five minutes, then remove the spice bag.

Cook the sugar and peaches together for five minutes more and add the vinegar. Boil until the fruit looks clear and is tender, but not broken.

Remove the fruit carefully with a skimmer, and spread upon platters to cool while you boil the syrup for fifteen minutes longer, or until it is very thick.

Pack the peaches in jars set in a pan of hot water, fill with boiling syrup, and seal.

2. To make grape jelly, put the grapes over the fire in a large double boiler, without water. Cover closely and cook until the fruit is broken into pieces. Rub through a colander, then squeeze through a flannel bag.

Measure the juice, and to each pint allow a pound of sugar. Put the sugar in pans and set in the oven to heat, but not to melt. Stir it from time to time to prevent scorching.

Return the juice to the fire in a porcelain-lined kettle, and bring to a boil. Cook for twenty minutes, and the heat of sugar, boil up just once and pour the jelly into glasses set in a pan of hot water.

## Platinum in Photography.

A. B. C., 62 New York avenue north-east—Platinum is used in photography in such quantities that photographs may be given the proper color.

## Aliens May Own Property.

L. L. C.—Any person not a citizen of the United States may own, buy or sell real estate in the District of Columbia.

# EVERYDAY LOGIC FOR EVERYDAY GIRLS

Tactless Women Always In Trouble.

"Be On Guard" Is Good Motto.

The tactless woman is always unwittingly treading on some one's toes.

We all know that if the tactless one had thought twice before speaking the feelings of the other person would have been saved, for it's true that it is usually the good-hearted, impulsive woman who's guilty of this offense.

In a mixed assemblage there's no telling where a casual criticism will light, nor whose feelings will be wounded. The words "Be on guard," should ever be the motto of the tactless.

There's no quality more to be desired than that of tact. The tactful woman is a patient and appreciative listener. She manages to get her own way in such a gracious, submissive manner that her friends find it hard to believe they are getting their own way, not hers.

Who wouldn't be in her shoes? Let's put on our thinking caps. Are we tactful or not? If guilty, let us sentence ourselves, and begin to think today right. The motto—"Be on guard"—must never be forgotten.

# LONG GLOVES KEPT UP BY BEAD ARMLET

Much In Demand With Short Sleeves So Much In Vogue.

Most of us prefer the fabric gloves for comfort during the warm weather, and as few long sleeves are seen at this time, the long gloves are in demand.

When the gloves have plain tops the wrinkled, mousquetaire effect above the wrist is effective and becoming, particularly to a slim arm.

Many of the fabric gloves have open-work tops, decorated with the ever-popular openwork or eyelet embroidery. The effect is very good, and usually in harmony with some part of the gown, though it is not necessary that it should match any other embroidery there may be.

When the sleeves do not cover the elbow, it is necessary that the gloves shall. These armlets, when first introduced, were made of ribbon-covered elastic; but these have been superseded by bracelet-like affairs of jewels and beads.

One of their attractive features is that they may readily be of home manufacture.

# SWEATERS ARE NOT UNLIKE OLD MODELS

Coat Styles, Many of Them Double-Breasted, Being Worn.

Coat sweaters are universally worn now. Some are double-breasted, others fasten with a single row of flat pearl buttons.

Pockets are always of medium size. They are made either in the sweater stitch or in the one used for the edge.

If a contrasting color is introduced in the border, then this may be used for the whole pocket or merely as a top finish for the flap. It forms the collar, the cuffs and the border on the fronts of the bottom.

Some fancy sweaters are shown, but they are seldom chosen by girls, partly on account of the way they soil.

It is considered quite the thing to have the garment button over from left to right, as a man's coat facings, instead of the reverse way. There are only a few buttons required for the closing, and this year they are not used extensively for trimming the collar, lapels, cuffs or pocket flaps, as was once considered the fashionable way of decorating these knitted coats.

## THE TICKLEMOUSE

AND

### His Sleepyland Adventures with Davy and Dorfy

BY ROY RUTHERFORD BAILEY

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# Lemonade Pool

"LIGHT," said the Ticklemouse with a kindly twinkle, "it's my treat. Chillions, what'll you have?"

"Ice cream!" said Davy at once.

"Wild honey!" squeaked Teddy bear.

"Cheese sandwich!" squealed Willie Washington.

"Dorfy hasn't said anything," smiled the Mouse. "Ladies first—Dorfy, you decide."

"Well," said the little girl, "I like cold things on a night like this—but ice cream costs so much. Couldn't we have lemonade?"

"A barrel of it, bless your heart!" the Ticklemouse rummaged about and found an empty finger bowl. He licked the edge of the bowl till it began to bubble at the bottom, slowly filling with ice-cold lemonade!

"He waved his paws over it, saying some strange words. It grew to the size of a punch-bowl—brimming with the most delicious lemonade the twins had ever tasted! They filled their glasses and drank it through straws.

"All you can hold," smiled the Mouse at last. "Then let's go fishing!"

Davy groaned. "I'd love to, Mr.



ing!" And to their surprise the bowl began to widen out into a great crystal pool. Something floated in the middle.

"Fish!" asked Teddy, staring.

"Seeds. But wait a moment," said the Mouse, "and there'll be fish worth catching for!" The next minute the seeds, grown to the size of bass and pickerel, dived to the bottom with a splash.

"Now the fishpoles!" The Ticklemouse fitted each straw with a silvery comb for a line, the end tied in a running noose. "Watch 'em grow!" he cried—and soon each of the five had a splendid fishing outfit. Dorfy had just made fast to a big fish when a sour voice called from a dark corner of the room, "Get out of my lemonade pool!" Something shining came toward them, fierce and angry. "It's old Lemon Squeezer himself!" yelled the Ticklemouse. "I forgot about him—run, everybody!"

And before the twins got back to their nursery that night, the angry old Lemon Squeezer had chased them all over Doverville. But then, as the Ticklemouse said afterward, exercise after fishing is as healthful as rest after labor!

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